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1. CASTRO HAS LAID DOWN STRICT CENSORSHIP FROM CUBA. WESTERN PRESS AND RADIO SERVICES HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH CORRESPONDENTS SINCE ABOUT MID-DAY 11 SEPTEMBER. REUTERS MAN ARRESTED. OTHERS MISSING AND MAY BE IN CUSTODY.

2. HERewith EXTRACTS FROM AGENCY ASSESSMENT OF MOSCOW STATEMENT 11 SEPTEMBER RE CUBA:

STATEMENT DESIGNED TO FURTHER VARIETY OF SOVIET OBJECTIVES, FOREMOST BEING TO DETER US FROM ACTIVE INTERVENTION. STATEMENT DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER NATURE OF SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DEFEND CASTRO. MOSCOW HAS ONCE AGAIN USED VAGUE AND AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE TO AVOID CLEAR-CUT OBLIGATION OF MILITARY SUPPORT IN EVENT OF ATTACK.

STATEMENT ALSO CALCULATED TO ENABLE MOSCOW TO CLAIM FULL CREDIT FOR PROTECTING CUBA IF NO INVASION OCCURS.

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IN ADDITION TO DETERRENT EFFECT, STATEMENT SEEMS INTENDED TO CHECK GROWING ALARM RE SOVIET INTENTIONS. IT STRESSES DEFENSIVE NATURE OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND DENIES INTENTION TO ESTABLISH SOVIET BASE IN CUBA. AT SAME TIME MOSCOW EMPHASIZES RIGHT TO PROVIDE HELP TO CUBA, CITING EXISTENCE OF US ALLIANCES AND BASES ALL ALONG PERIPHERY OF SINO-SOVIET BLOC.

STATEMENT BRUSQUE AND STRONG RE CUBA, BUT MODERATE ON BERLIN. IT NOTES "PAUSE NOW HAS BEEN REACHED" IN BERLIN TALKS AND SAYS IT IS "DIFFICULT" FOR THE US TO NEGOTIATE DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.

3. IN CONGO, UN OFFICIALS HAVE DELIVERED TO BOTH ADOULA AND TSHOMBE HIS PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN UNIFICATION SCHEME. WE HAVE NO REACTIONS YET. MOBUTU HAS TOLD US HE PLANS SOON TO ATTACK KATANGAN POSITIONS AT KONGOLO IN NORTHERN KATANGA. SUCH AN ATTACK WOULD OF COURSE MAKE TSHOMBE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT IN DEALINGS WITH UN.

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4. WINSTON GUEST WHO HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KIRKPATRICK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS RESULT OF SUGGESTION OF CLARK CLIFFORD, HE RECEIVED CONTRACT FOR HIS COMPANY (AIR PANAMA) FROM ADOULA TO PROVIDE SIX C-54S AND FIVE 46S FOR AIRLIFT ON CONGO, AND FOR MAINTENANCE OF ADOULA'S "AIR FLEET." WAS HERE 12 SEPT AND VOLUNTEERED ANY USE OF HIS FACILITIES WE NEED.

5. CHICOMS HAVE SURFACED PILOT OF CHINAT RF-101 SHOT DOWN YEAR AGO. PILOT TELLS LONG STORY OF US DIRECTION OF CHINAT AIR RECON PROGRAM. BROADCAST MENTIONS FACT OF U-2 AIRCRAFT ON TAIW BUT CONTAINS ALMOST NO DETAILS OF THE TACKLE PROGRAM. SURFACING OF THIS PILOT NOW SUGGESTS THAT PILOT OF DOWNED U-2 DID NOT SURVIVE. CHINAT FORNMIN SHEN SAYS PUBLICITY RE CHINAT OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF U-2 WILL HAVE STIMULATING EFFECT ON PEOPLE ON TAIW. SHEN THINKS CHICOM ADMISSION OF CHINAT USE OF U-2 FOR 18 MONTHS WITHOUT LOSS WILL TEND TO WEAKEN CONFIDENCE OF MAINLANDERS IN PEIPING REGIME.

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PRESS CONTINGENCY STORY HAS HELD UP WELL, AND THERE HAS BEEN LESS STIR THAN WE FIRST THOUGHT.

6. SIHANOUK ON 11 SEPT WARNED THAT IF SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES VIOLATE CAMBODIAN TERRITORY TWICE MORE HE WILL BREAK WITH SAIGON AND RECOGNIZE HANOI.

7. FINAL AFTAC EVALUATION OF BIG TEST AT NOVAYA ZEMLYA IN 1961 INDICATES PROBABLE YIELD WAS 63 MT RATHER THAN 58 MT. RANGE OF POSSIBLE YIELD IS FROM 50 TO 79 MT.

8. GORDON GRAY PLANS TO COME ABOARD 17 SEPT. HAS ASKED FOR A FULL-TIME STAFF ASSISTANT TO BIRD DOG FOR HIM; AM ASKING CLINE TO COME UP WITH ONE.

9. KILLIAN HAS ASKED THAT YOU APPEAR BEFORE HIS BOARD FOR A HOUR AT 1100 ON 28 SEPT. BOARD HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO MEET ALSO ON 29TH, BUT MAY NOW FINISH ALL ITS BUSINESS ON 28TH.

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LT. GEN. MARSHALL S. CARTER
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